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SUBJ: LESOTHO PARTICIPATION IN COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY  
CONFERENCE

1. GOL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT TWO-MAN DELEGATION WILL ATTEND LONDON  
COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE SEP 8-22. WILL BE FIRST  
SUCH DELEGATION SINCE 1970 ABORTIVE ELECTION.

2. TWO SELECTED ARE A. S. RALEBITSO, BASUTOLAND NATIONAL PARTY  
(BNP) ADHERENT AND GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED MEMBER INTERIM  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND GERARD RAMOREBOLI, FORMER DEPUTY LEADER  
PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION BASUTOLAND CONGRESS PARTY (BCP).

3. COMMENT: LESOTHO PARTICIPATION CONSISTENT WITH EFFORT RETURN  
BUSINESS AS USUAL. SITTING OF FIRST INTERIM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
FROM APRIL TO MAY, LIFTING OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN JULY, AND  
SECOND SITTING OF INTERIM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY NOW SET FOR SEP 14  
COMPLEMENTARY THROUGH LARGER EVENTS.

4. WHILE INCLUSION OF BCP MEMBER IN DELEGATION WILL GIVE  
APPEARANCE OF RECONCILIATION, BCP HARD-LINERS WILL NOT BE MOLLI-  
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FIED. RAMOREBOLI RECENTLY EXPELLED FROM BCP AS REWARD FOR HAVING  
COOPERATED WITH GOVERNMENT BY SITTING IN FIRST INTERIM NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY.  
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